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In re Patent Application of:  
Asim DASGUPTA et al.

Application No.: 10/087,171

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For: METHOD TO IDENTIFY IRES ELEMENTS

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 30, 2003, for which a response was due on December 30, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to March 30, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the grounds for rejection. The following amendments and remarks are believed to place this application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.